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THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" There were applications already pending with the department and in view of the urgency, no fresh applications were called for."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" May I know whether any of these persons are still continuing under the Government and if so, may I know whether the permission of the Public Services Commission was obtained in ratification as required by the rules whenever such temporary appointments are continued beyond the period of three months? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" I think some of these Economic Investigators are continuing and the concurrence of the Public Services Commission has been sought and obtained in the case of these officers."

Land Colonization Schemes in Coimbatore district

* 2334 *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state with reference to Coimbatore district—

(*a*) the number of land colonization schemes in operation, (1) supported by co-operative societies and (2) directly subsidized by Government;

(*b*) how many of them are exclusively for ex-servicemen; and

(*c*) how many of them are intended exclusively for Harijans?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) There are five Land Colonization Societies in Coimbatore district which are run on co-operative lines with liberal financial assistance from Government. There are no land colonization schemes administered directly by Government without the agency of co-operative societies.

" (*b*) Only one is intended for ex-servicemen.

" (*c*) No society is intended exclusively for Harijans. But a majority of the members of three out of four civilian societies in Coimbatore district are Harijans while the majority of the members of the remaining society are non-Harijans."

SRI P. G. MANICKAM :—" கனம் உதவி சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, விநோபாஜி பூதான இயக்கம் மூலமாக எடுத்திருக்கும் நிலங்களை லாண்ட் காலனேசேஷன் திட்டத்தில் இணைப்பதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முயற்சிக்குமா ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" That is a matter to be considered hereafter, Sir."

Chepauk grounds leased to the Madras Cricket Club

* 2335 *Q.*—SRI N. RAMAKRISHNA AYYAR (on behalf of Sri C. Rajam Ramaswamy) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state the terms on which the Chepauk grounds have been leased to the Madras Cricket Club and the date on which the present lease expires?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU :—" The Chepauk grounds have been leased to the Madras Cricket Club for a term of thirty years from the 15th July 1936 subject to the payment of an annual rent of Rs. 1,000 for the first ten years, Rs. 1,500 for the next ten years and Rs. 2,000 for the last ten years and subject also to the usual conditions. The term of the lease will expire on the 14th July 1966."

Formation of a pathway in Maviliyuthu Palapatiraramapuram village

* 2336 *Q.*—SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any petition was received by the Government or by the Collector of Tirunelveli on 28th October 1953 from the Harijan residents of Maviliyuthu Palapatiraramapuram village, Sankarankoil taluk, Tirunelveli district, regarding the formation of a pathway from their cheri to their agricultural lands; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" (*a*) & (*b*) The petition was received by the Collector of Tirunelveli. The District Welfare Officer inspected the village and lands in question and found that the pathway applied for was not necessary as access to the land was already available. The Harijans were informed accordingly."

SRI R. S. ARUMUGAM :—" அந்த ஊருக்கு அந்தப் பாதை மிகவும் அவசியம் என்று கருதி முதலில் கேத்துக் கற்களையும் நட்டிருக்கிறார்கள். ஏற்கெனவே பட்டா நிலக்காரர்கள் ஆட்சேபித்த காரணத்திற்காகவோ என்னவோ அதை நிறுத்தி விட்டார்கள். இந்த ஊருக்கு அந்தப் பாதை மிகவும் அவசியம் என்று கருதி சர்க்கார் அங்கு பாதையை ஏற்படுத்த தாக்கீது அனுப்புவார்களா ? அதை மீண்டும் ஆலோசனை பண்ணுவார்களா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" இரண்டு குளங்களுக்கு நடுவில் பாதை போடுவதாக இருப்பதால் குளத்திலுள்ள ஜலம் அந்தப் பாதை வழியாக வந்துவிடும். அது மாத்திரம் அல்ல, சில ஹரிஜனங்கள் அந்தப்பாதை போடுவதற்கு வேண்டிய பணத்தைக் கொடுப்பதற்கு முன் வரமுடியாத நிலைமையில் இருக்கிறார்கள். ஆகையினால் அந்த சிறு வழியைப் போடுவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் இப்பொழுது கவனிக்க முடியாது என்று சொல்லுகிறார்கள்."

Fire accident at Vellayil in Kozhikode

* 2337 *Q.*—SRI K P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that 22 thatched " Meen Chappas " were destroyed by fire at Vellayil, Kozhikode, on 21st March 1955; and

(*b*) the extent of damages caused thereby?